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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM EWALD MOLDT,  
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AND NOMINAL HEAD OF THE GDR  
LOS DELEGATION, THANKING THE AMBASSADOR FOR PROVIDING  
THE TEXT OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S TESTIMONY ON  
DEEP SEABED MINING LEGISLATION OF OCTOBER 4, 1977  
(REF G) AND SETTING FORTH THE PRINCIPAL CONCERNS  
WHICH THE GDR HAS IN REGARD TO THE LOS CONFERENCE.  
MOLDT URGES MODIFICATION OF THE NEGOTIATING TEXT  
IN REGARD TO DEEP SEABEDS AND TO THE RIGHT OF ACCESS  
BY GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES TO THE LIVING  
RESOURCES WITHIN THE ECONOMIC ZONES OF OTHER STATES.  
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2. IN HIS LETTER, MOLDT STATES THAT THE GDR  
CONSIDERS THE CURRENT INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING  
TEXT, TAKEN AS A WHOLE, A BASIS FOR THE FURTHER  
NEGOTIATION AT THE CONFERENCE BUT NOTES THAT THE  
TEXT IN SOME CRITICAL PARTS NEEDS REVISION. HE ARGUES  
THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO FORMULATE IN AN UNEQUIVOCAL

MANNER THE RIGHTS OF STATES TO EXPLORE AND EXPLOIT THE SEABED BEYOND THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN ADDITION TO AND IN COOPERATION WITH THE SEABED AUTHORITY.

3. MOLDT STRESSES THAT THE GDR HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN SEEING THAT THE RIGHTS OF LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES ARE ADEQUATELY TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN ANY FURTHER CONVENTION, ESPECIALLY THEIR INTEREST IN THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE SEA. GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES, DEPENDENT ON DISTANT-WATER FISHING TO SUPPLY FISH PRODUCTS TO THEIR POPULATION, SHOULD HAVE RIGHTS OF ACCESS TO THE FISH SURPLUSES IN THE ECONOMIC ZONES OF STATES' OFF WHOSE COASTS THEY HAVE UNTIL NOW FISHED.

4. MOLDT STATES THAT THE GDR BELIEVES THAT THE ESSENTIAL PRECONDITION FOR SUCCESSFUL PROGRESS AT THE LOS CONFERENCE IS THAT THESE AND OTHER KEY ISSUES BE TREATED AS A PACKAGE AND RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS PROCEDURE, THAT THERE BE A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE BASIC INTERESTS OF ALL STATES. (FULL TEXT OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO D/LOS.)

5. GUNTER GOERNER, DEPUTY HEAD OF LAW AND TREATY DEPARTMENT, GDR FONMIN, AND THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE GDR LOS DELEGATION, HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH US AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS ASKED FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL LOS MEETING. WE EXPECT TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH GOERNER IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY RECENT INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE ON MATTERS THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH US TO RAISE. WE HAVE BACKGROUND MATERIALS CONTAINED IN REFERNCED MESSAGES. BOLEN

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